

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims should be entered to replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A process for tracking skilled-service rendered to a patient at a physical therapy treatment location by a physical therapy provider ~~at a treatment location trained in a physical therapy discipline~~, comprising the steps of:
 - treating said patient based on at least one physical therapy treatment goal at said physical therapy treatment location by said provider;
 - generating, ~~at the treatment location~~, at least one record of ~~progress~~ incremental provider observed progress development, said record of incremental provider observed progress development comprising an indication of incremental patient advances made toward each treatment goal identified for the patient and addressed by the provider during a ~~treatment session~~; a composite physical therapy treatment goal as compared to a preferred result;
 - receiving an input comprising ~~each said~~ at least one of said record of ~~progress~~ incremental provider observed progress development so generated, for storage as treatment record data at a host location;
 - using said treatment record data and a host processor, automatically generating a patient report; and
 - submitting said patient report to an entity selected from the group consisting of a health care facility, a health care provider, an insurer, the patient, an entity authorized to receive records of the patient, and a record-keeping entity for the provider.
2. (Currently Amended): The process of Claim 1 wherein: said at least one record of ~~progress~~ incremental provider observed progress development further comprises a description of said composite physical therapy treatment goal, a date of ~~[[said]]~~ a treatment session, and the provider's identity; said step of receiving an input further comprises receiving said description and said provider's identity into respective data fields; and said step of

submitting further comprises submitting said report for a payment from said entity for the skilled-service rendered.

3. (Currently Amended): The process of Claim 1 wherein: said at least one record of progress incremental provider observed progress development further comprises a description of said composite physical therapy treatment goal and a date of [[said]] a treatment session; said step of generating further comprises entering said progress incremental provider observed progress development made and said date into respective input fields of a treatment record display; said step of submitting further comprises transmitting said report as electronic data over a data transfer pathway to said entity for a payment for the skilled-service rendered.
4. (Currently Amended): The process of Claim 1 wherein [[each]] said physical therapy treatment goal was identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition, and said step of generating further comprises entering said at least one record of progress incremental provider observed progress development onto a hardcopy composite record; and further comprising, thereafter, the step of entering said progress incremental provider observed progress development made and a date of [[said]] a treatment session into respective input fields of a treatment record display.
5. (Currently Amended): The process of Claim 1 wherein [[each]] said physical therapy treatment goal was identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition; and further comprising, prior to the step of automatically generating said patient report, the step of generating a plan comprising a prescription for follow-up with the patient.
6. (Original): The process of Claim 5 further comprising the steps of:
 - generating an evaluation record comprising a description of said evaluation, a date of said evaluation, and an evaluator's identity; and
 - receiving an input comprising said evaluation record for storage as evaluation record data at said host location.
7. (Currently Amended): The process of Claim 6 further comprising, prior to the step of generating said at least one record of progress incremental provider observed progress

development, the steps of retrieving said evaluation record data; and wherein said step of submitting further comprises submitting said report for a payment from said entity for the skilled-service rendered.

8. (Original): The process of Claim 7 wherein said step of generating a plan further comprises entering said plan into an input field of a plan record display for storage as plan record data at said host location; and further comprising the steps of:

retrieving said plan record data; and

after said steps of retrieving said evaluation record data and said plan record data, the step of printing a hardcopy of said plan and said evaluation for use at said treatment location.

9. (Currently Amended): The process of Claim 1 wherein:

said step of generating further comprises the steps of generating a plurality of said records of progress incremental provider observed progress development, each said record associated with one of a plurality of physical therapy treatment goals identified for the patient, and creating a composite record comprising each said record of progress incremental provider observed progress development along with a record of skilled intervention action used; and

said step of submitting further comprises transmitting said report as electronic data over a data transfer pathway to said entity for a payment.

10. (Currently Amended): The process of Claim 9 wherein said data transfer pathway comprises a network; and further comprising, prior to the step of receiving an input, the step of entering each of said plurality of said records of progress incremental provider observed progress development made and a date of said treatment session into respective input fields of a treatment record display.

11. (Currently Amended): The process of Claim 1 wherein [[each]] said physical therapy treatment goal, having been identified from a list, is further modified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition.

12. (Currently Amended): A system for tracking skilled-service rendered to a patient at a physical therapy treatment location by a physical therapy provider at a treatment location trained in a physical therapy discipline, comprising:
- a composite record, generated at the physical therapy treatment location, comprising at least one record of progress incremental provider observed progress development, said record of incremental provider observed progress development comprising an indication of incremental patient advances made toward each treatment goal identified for the patient and addressed by the provider during a session; a composite physical therapy treatment goal as compared to a preferred result;
 - a storage medium at a host location for storing treatment record data comprising each said at least one of said record of progress incremental provider observed progress development so generated; and
 - a host processor for automatically generating, using said treatment record data, a patient report for an entity selected from the group consisting of a health care facility, a health care provider, an insurer, the patient, an entity authorized to receive records of the patient, and a record-keeping entity for the provider.
13. (Currently Amended): The system of Claim 12 wherein said at least one record of progress incremental provider observed progress development further comprises a description of said goal having been identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition and a date of [[said]] a treatment session; and further comprising an interface for entering said progress incremental provider observed progress development made and said date into respective input fields of a treatment record display.
14. (Currently Amended): The system of Claim 12 further comprising a user interface for entering, at said host location from a hardcopy of said composite record generated at the physical therapy treatment location, said at least one record of progress incremental provider observed progress development made into an input field of a treatment record display.
15. (Previously presented): The system of Claim 12 wherein said composite record further comprises a plan comprising a prescription for follow-up with the patient; and further

comprising an interface for entering said plan into an input field of a plan record display for storage at said host location as plan record data.

16. (Currently Amended): The system of Claim 15 wherein: [[each]] said composite physical therapy treatment goal was identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition; said interface further allows for entering a description of said evaluation into an input field of an evaluation record display for storage at said host location as evaluation record data; and said patient report comprises information from said at least one record of progress incremental provider observed progress development, said plan record data, and said evaluation record data.
17. (Currently amended): The system of claim 12 wherein said composite record further comprises a plurality of said records of progress incremental provider observed progress development, each said record associated with one of a plurality of treatment goals identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition; and further comprising a data transfer pathway in communication with said host processor for transmitting said report as electronic data to said entity.
18. (Original): The system of Claim 17 further comprising a user interface for entering said composite record at the treatment location, said user interface in communication with a second data transfer pathway for transmitting said composite record entered to said host location storage medium.
19. (Currently Amended): A computer executable program code on a computer readable storage medium for tracking skilled-service rendered to a patient at a physical therapy treatment location by a physical therapy provider at a treatment location trained in a physical therapy discipline, the program code comprising:
 - a first program sub-code for receiving an input of data comprising at least one record of progress incremental provider observed progress development, said record of incremental provider observed progress development comprising an indication of incremental patient advances made toward each treatment goal identified for the patient and addressed by the

provider at the treatment location during a session; a composite physical therapy treatment goal as compared to a preferred result;

a second program sub-code for storing ~~each said~~ at least one of said record of progress incremental provider observed progress development so received, as treatment record data at a host location; and

a third program sub-code for generating a patient report using said treatment record data and a host processor, said patient report comprising information from said at least one record of progress for submitting to an entity selected from the group consisting of a health care facility, a health care provider, an insurer, the patient, an entity authorized to receive records of the patient, and a record-keeping entity for the provider.

20. (Currently Amended): The program code of Claim 19 wherein said input comprising said at least one record of progress incremental provider observed progress development is first entered through a user interface at said treatment location and temporarily stored as local treatment record data, and said first program sub-code further comprises instructions for accepting said local treatment record data at said host location; and further comprising a fourth program sub-code for transmitting said patient report over a data transfer pathway for payment from said entity.
21. (New): The process of Claim 1 and further comprising the step of valuating a quantifiable record of incremental provider observed progress development made toward said composite physical therapy treatment goal as compared to a preferred result.
22. (New): The system of claim 12 wherein said composite record comprises a valuation of a quantifiable record of incremental provider observed progress development.
23. (New): The program code of claim 19 wherein said input of data comprises a valuation of a quantifiable record of incremental provider observed progress development.
24. (New): The process of Claim 1 and further comprising the steps of:
evaluating development of said patient during at least one treatment modality based on said at least one physical therapy treatment goal during a treatment session; and

dynamically modifying said physical therapy treatment goal to create at least one edited treatment goal identified for the patient based upon a development evaluation of said patient during at least one treatment modality.

25. (New): The system of claim 12 wherein said composite record comprises a dynamically edited treatment goal based on a development evaluation of said patient during at least one treatment modality.
26. (New): The program code of claim 19 wherein said input of data comprises a dynamically edited treatment goal based on a development evaluation of said patient during at least one treatment modality.